to stop employment of contract labour for cleaning work in Catering Establishments and pantry car in all Zonal railways; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway trains between Delhi/New Delhi and State Capitals

1777. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Superfast Express and other trains that are being run by Railways between *Delhi/New Delhi and each State capital*, stating the frequency of each train;

(b) what are the names of Superfast Express and other tarins that have been introduced during the last three years between Delhi/New Delhi and State capitals, with the details thereof;

(c) whether frequency of any of these trains have been changed during this period, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce any new trains between the State capitals and Delhi and New Delhi in the near future, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF *THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS* (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 87].

(b) 509/510 Avadh Assam Express ween New Delhi-Guwahati, and 927/928 New Delhi-Bangalore Exp. (via Vijayawada) are the new trains. These run 4 times a week, daily and biweekly, respectively.

(c) 195/196 Himalyan Queen has been made daily train. Besides, frequency of 101/102 Rajdhani Exp. to Howrah has been increased from 4 to 5 days a week, 509/510 Avadh Assam Express from 3 to 4 days a week (with extension to Delhi), 917/918 Jammu Tawi-Guwahati Exp. from fortnightly to weekly; and 121/122 Tamil Nadu Express from 4 to 5 days a week.

(d) There are no specific proposals at present.

Affairs of Delhi University

1778. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press report which appeared in the *Statesman* dated 8th April, 1987 regarding the opinion expressed by the foreign students with regard to the Delhi University and a sense of their alienation besides politicization in the University; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what remedial measures Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the news item which had appeared in the New Delhi edition of *Statesman* dated 8th April, 1987, it has been alleged that College educa-

foreign students are not advised on the options available; the International Students Hostal is lacking in facilities to make it a self-contained unit; the allotment of seats in this Hostel is done at random; there is a social gap between them and most Indian students. With the meagre monthly scholarship of Rs. 600 they cannot think of any other form of recreation except drinkig tea and sleeping. It is also alleged that the Foreign Students' Adviser in the University is not providing adequate and proper assistance to the students in admission, selecting courses of study etc. etc.

According to the Delhi University, there is no discrimination against foreign students in the University. They organise their cultural programmes in which Indian students also participate fully. Foreign students can take part in various sports activities and mix freely with Indian students. Some rooms are allotted to Indian students in the International Students Hostel and similarly foreign students are allotted rooms in other hostels with a view to make their intermingling with Indian students easier and to avoid any feeling of isolation among them. A large number of foreign students come to the University every year to pursue their studies because of its high academic standards and facilities the University is able to offer to them. The University has appointed a Professor as Foreign Students' Adviser who extends all possible information, guidance and assistance to foreign students in seeking admission and in selecting the courses of study etc. etc.

Freight charged by Railways

1779. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways charge freight at piecemeal rate against rake indent, when the authorities are unable to supply required number of wagons to constitute a train load;

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions to stop this practice; and

(c) whether representations have been received by the authorities from several Chambers of Commerce and Industry from Gujarat and elsewhere and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Railways have been instructed that when indents are placed for train loads, efforts should be made to allot the required number of wagons in one lot to the maximum extent possible. When it is not possible to do so on account of any reason, a relaxation has been given that train load rate should be charged if all the wagons forming part of the train are loaded within 72 hours from the time of supply a first lot of wagons. No further relaxation in this regard is contemplated.

(c) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received through Members of Parliament and the position has been suitably explained to them.

Hospitals in Delhi

1780. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of hospitals along with beds in Delhi at present;

(b) whether the number of beds are sufficient to meet the demand;

(c) if so, whether Government have any proposal to open more allopathic hospitals in Delhi; and